

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No.	CV 24-5067 FMO (JPRx)	Date	June 27, 2024
Title	WOW Media Inc. v. Does 1 through 10		

Present: The Honorable	Fernando M. Olguin, United States District Judge	
Vanessa Figueroa	None	
Deputy Clerk	Court Reporter / Recorder	Tape No.
Attorney Present for Plaintiff(s):		
None Present		
Attorney Present for Defendant(s):		
None Present		

**Proceedings:** **(In Chambers) Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal for Lack of Jurisdiction**

On June 14, 2024, WOW Media Inc. (“plaintiff”) filed a Complaint in this court against Does 1 through 10. (See Dkt. 1). Plaintiff alleges that the Doe defendants “purposefully interfered with the relationship [between plaintiff and two investors] by knowingly publishing false information to the investors regarding [plaintiff]’s assets, causing the investors to withdraw from [a] transaction” with plaintiff.<sup>1</sup> (See id. at ¶ 1). Subject matter jurisdiction is based on diversity jurisdiction. (See id. at ¶ 5). Plaintiff is a California citizen. (See id. at ¶ 2). However, plaintiff does not know the identities of the defendants, and thus does not know their citizenship.

When federal subject matter jurisdiction is predicated on diversity of citizenship, see 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a),<sup>2</sup> complete diversity must exist between the opposing parties, see *Caterpillar Inc. v. Lewis*, 519 U.S. 61, 68, 117 S.Ct. 467, 472 (1996) (stating that the diversity jurisdiction statute “applies only to cases in which the citizenship of each plaintiff is diverse from the citizenship of each defendant”), and the amount in controversy must exceed \$75,000. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). Because plaintiff does not know the citizenship of any defendant, it has not shown that this court has diversity jurisdiction.

Based on the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED that no later than **July 3, 2024**, plaintiff shall show cause in writing why its claims should not be dismissed without prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. **Failure to submit a response by the deadline set forth above shall be deemed as consent to the dismissal of the action without prejudice.**

<sup>1</sup> Capitalization, quotation and alteration marks, and emphasis in record citations may be altered without notation.

<sup>2</sup> In relevant part, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) provides that “district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between . . . citizens of different States[.]”

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